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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 408520)

In re the Application of:

BORIS SHKOLNIK

Serial No.: 09/578,317

Filed: May 25, 2000

For: INFLATABLE BALLOON CATHETER WITH
PURGE MECHANISM AND METHOD

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: M. DeSanto

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P.O. Box 1450
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the final rejection of May 19, 2004.

As the Submission required, an Amendment is enclosed.

Also, a check for \$770.00 is enclosed as the large entity fee for the RCE.

Respectfully submitted,

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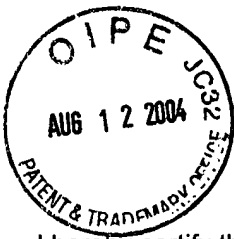
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2004, please amend the claims as indicated beginning on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 7.